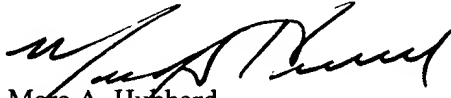


CONCLUSION

Examiner Nguyen indicated in a telephone call to the undersigned representative on April 8, 2004 that the forgoing amendments would place the application in condition for allowance in view of the prior art of record. However, applicant is filing, on the same date as this amendment, an information disclosure statement. It is submitted that the pending claims are allowable over the art of record and prior art cited in the accompanying information disclosure statement.

As the application is now in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested. Please telephone the undersigned representative should he be of any assistance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13,4900 of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C.

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